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SUBJ: BRAZILIAN PARTICIPATION IN ECLA MEETING

REF: STATE 128942

1. SUMMARY: BRAZIL HAS NOT YET DECIDED TO ATTEND ECLA MEETING IN HAVANA. BRAZIL WILL SEEK TO AVOID CONTENTIOUS ISSUES AND WISHES CLOSER ECLA-OAS/IACW COOPERATION. GENERAL BRAZILIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD BOTH GROUPS SEEMS TO BE LUKEWARM. END SUMMARY

2. AFTER DELAYS CAUSED BY BRAZILIAN HOLIDAY AND FONMIN FOOT DRAGGING, EMBOFF HAD LATE JUNE 10 MEETING WITH MINISTER MARCOS AZAMBUJA CHIEF UN DIVISION, FONMIN.

3. AZAMBUJA APOLOGIZED FOR LATENESS OF MEETING CONSIDERING ECLA PLENARY MEETING TO START ON JUNE 13. HE SAID BRAZIL STILL HAS NOT DECIDED ON WHETHER OR NOT TO ATTEND HAVANA CONFERENCE AND DECISION PROBABLY WILL NOT BE MADE BEFORE JUNE 11 OR 12.

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4. RESPONSES TO PARA TWO, REFTEL REQUESTS:

A. UNDECIDED ON ATTENDANCE. AZAMBUJA SAID FONMIN STILL IS WAITING AND CHECKING TO SEE WHICH OTHER COUNTRIES WILL ATTEND. HE SAID LATEST COUNT IS NINE WILL ATTEND, NINE MAY ATTEND AND FIVE WILL NOT. HE SAYS BRAZIL HAS NO

PROBLEM WITH HAVANA SITE, PER SE, SINCE BRAZIL HAS ATTENDED OTHER CONFERENCES THERE. AZUMBUJA'S BEST GUESS IS BRAZIL WILL ATTEND.

B. BRAZIL'S DELEGATES WILL BE ITS AMBASSADOR TO COSTA RICA, M.L. DE VINCENZI AND SECOND SECRETARY IN MEXICO, MARGARIDA ZORBARAN, WHO REPRESENTED BRAZIL IN MEXICO WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.

C. NO OFFICIAL STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE.

D. AZUMBUJA SAID BRAZIL'S POSITION WILL BE TO AVOID CONTENTIOUS ISSUES AND IF THEY ARISE, SEEK TO SEPARATE THEM FROM THE ECLA DRAFT PLAN AND HANDLE THEM INDIVIDUALLY AS SEPARATE RESOLUTIONS. AS CONTENTIOUS ISSUES, AZUMBUJA CITED CHILE, PUERTO RICO AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS AS POTENTIALS.

E. PER AZUMBUJA, BRAZIL IS CONCERNED ABOUT OVERLAP BETWEEN ECLA AND OAS/IACW AND WISHES TO SEE BETTER AND CLOSER COORDINATION BETWEEN THEM FOR MORE EFFECTIVE WORK. HE OBSERVED THAT BRAZIL'S VIEW IS THAT-CUBA IS ENCOURAGING THE ECLA EFFORT AT THE EXPENSE OF OAS/IACW.

F. THE ECLA DRAFT PLAN IS GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE TO BRAZIL, BUT AZUMBUJA SAID HE FINDS SOME OF THE "BOMBASTIC RHETORIC" ON THE WOMAN'S ROLE IN THE WORLD DISTASTEFUL. ON ECLA'S RELATIONSHIP TO OAS/IACW, AZUMBUJA SAID HE WAS BEING CHAUVANISTIC BUT HE HOPED IN A WAY THAT BOTH GROUPS WILL STRUGGLE AGAINST EACH OTHER AND STAY OUT OF MORE IMPORTANT CONFIDENTIAL

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ISSUES. EMBASSY JUDGMENT IS THAT BRAZIL'S VIEW OF ECLA AND OAS/IACW IS LUKEWARM AT BEST, AT LEAST AS AZUMBUJA'S PUTS IT. THIS, IN SPITE OF AZUMBUJA'S OTHERWISE POSITIVE STATEMENTS TO THE EFFECT THAT BRAZIL WANTS TO SEE CLOSER COORDINATION BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS FOR REAL PROGRESS FOR WOMEN.
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